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In re application of:

KROCHTA, JOHN M. ET AL.

Application No.: 09/879,794

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For: METHODS OF REDUCING
FRIABILITY OF CEREAL PRODUCTS,
POTATO CHIPS, AND FREEZE-DRIED
FOODS, OF INCREASING BOWL LIFE
OF CEREAL PRODUCTS, AND OF
DELAYING RANCIDITY OF NUTS

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.